GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING HEROIN TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America in its Annual Report on Intoxicants has found Pakistan responsible in smuggling heroin to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether persons responsible for smuggling of heroin to India have been caught;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Border Forces have been made alert to put check on heroin smuggling via Afganistan; and

(f) if so, the other steps taken/to be taken by the Government to check the smuggling of narcotics including heroin

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)& (b) : The International Narcotics Control Strategy Report 2005, published by US authorities, does not specifically hold Pakistan responsible for smuggling heroin to India. It, however, states that Pakistan is an important transit country for opiates and hashish.

(c) & (d): Year-wise number of persons arrested in the country in connection with seizures of heroin of South West Asian origin during last three years is as under:-

Year	Number of persons arrested
2003	19
2004	30
2005	18

(Upto June)

(e): The forces at border remain alert iner alia to check drug trafficking from across the border.

(f): The Government of India has taken a number of steps to combat drug trafficking in the country. These include:

1. Strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points, land borders, airports, foreign post offices etc;

2. Intensive preventive and inter-diction efforts along known drug routes;

3. Improved coordination between various drug law enforcement agencies in order to impart greater cohesion to interdiction;

4. Identification of illicit cultivation of the opium poppy and the wild growth of cannabis and eradication of these sources of supply;

5. Strengthening of international liaison to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of operational intelligence;

6. Increased international cooperation for exchange of information and investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of precursor chemicals;

7 Building of an electronic data base of offenders;

8. Conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking.